

July 6, 2005

Ref: 2234-19988

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
Sub Alliance 4-5 Zone, Reservoir A
SOUTHWEST GUEYDAN FIELD
Vermilion Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: The Meridian Resource & Exploration,
LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Sub Alliance 4-5 Zone, Reservoir A, Southwest Gueydan Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 270 acres for the Sub Alliance 4-5 Zone, Reservoir B, designated as the SUB ALL 4-5 RA SUA, Southwest Gueydan Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said units;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Sub Alliance 4-5 Zone, Reservoir A in the Southwest Gueydan Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing Zone encountered between

the measured depths of 12,752 feet and 13,082 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Cimarex Energy Company-Henry Heirs No. 1 Well, located in Section 21, Township 12 South, Range 2 West, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

A joint conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana, on June 23, 2005, at which the parties named on the attached list were in attendance. Representatives of The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC opened the conference and explained the basis for its geographic unit proposal. Questions were asked and answered. Thereafter, representatives of Cimarex Energy Company explained the basis for its proposal of a unit contiguous to the northeast of the unit proposed by Meridian. One counterplan to the Meridian proposal was presented by the representative of the Lapleau and Potier Families. This unit principally differed from the Meridian proposal with respect to the southern and western boundaries. No counterplan was presented with respect to the Cimarex proposal; however, one party did question the placement of Cimarex's southeastern unit boundary. Differences could not be resolved at the conference with was then adjourned. At this time, it is uncertain whether the Meridian proposal will be opposed.

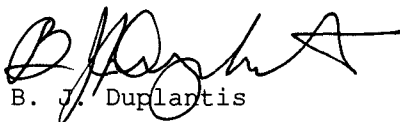
Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the SUB ALL 4-5 RA SUA, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this application. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Jim Hardwick of James F. Hardwick & Associates, Inc., 1101 S. Hugh Wallis, Suite 101, Lafayette, LA 70508 (337) 232-7756.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and
Interested Parties

